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1. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES, INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS, EXPORT REPRESENTATIVES AND INDIVIDUAL FIRMS IT APPEARS THERE IS LITTLE CONCERN, AND NOT VERY MUCH KNOWN, ABOUT NEW RULES OF ORIGIN (R/ O). NO SPECIAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ACQUAINT INDUSTRY WITH COMPLEXITIES OF RULES, WHICH ONLY RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY GOI (SEE DUBLIN' S A-50, APRIL 19). IRISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, WHO NOT BRIEF UNTIL LATE 1972, APPEAR FLEXIBLE IN ATTITUDE TO R/ O BUT THIS MAY NOT CONTINUE FOR TOO LONG. NEVERTHELESS, APPEARS THAT R/ O UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY REAL IMPACT IN IRELAND BEFORE 1975/77.

2. EEC DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY & COMMERCE HAS HAD SOME INQUIRIES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSMEN ON R/ O BUT NO OFFICIAL ORIENTATION MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH ANY GROUPS. ACCORDING DUBLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, R/ O HAVE CRATED " NO STIR AT ALL." CONFEDERATION OF IRISH INDUSTRY, WHICH INCLUDES THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN ITS MEMBERSHIP, REPORTS NO PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT R/ O AND, LIKEWISE, HAS NOT HELD ANY MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT. IRISH EXPORT BOARD REPORTS NO SPECIAL CONCERN.

3. A) DUBLIN BASED U. S. SUBSIDIARY, EXPORTING 60 PERCENT OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION TO EEC (40 PERCENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES) BELIEVES FULL IMPACT OF R/ O WILL NOT COME UNTIL 1977 WHEN COMPANY WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO LOOK TO FTA FOR SUPPLIES TO EXCLUSION OF IMPORTS FROM U. S. (PRESENT VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT AVAILABLE). SAME FIRM FEELS FTA MARKET WILL MAKE UP FOR ANY INCREASE IN COSTS.

B) CHECMIAL FIRMS CONTACTED SEE NO PROBLEMS AND, U. S. SUPPLY PSOITION LIKELY TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

C) PAPER PRODUCTS FIRM WHICH NOT TOO CLEAR ON R/ O EXPECTS NO EFFECTS BEFORE 1975/77. HERE AGAIN U. S. CONSIDERED LIKELY TO REMAIN A SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

D) TEXTILE FIRMS EXPECT SOME COMPLICATIONS BUT NOT SHIFT IN IMPORT SOURCES.

E) THERE IS NO ASSEMBLY OF U. S. ORIGIN MOTOR VEHICLES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IRELAND. NUTS AND BOLTS FROM U. S. USED IN IRISH ASSEMBLY NOT EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED.

F) CALCULATING MACHINES ARE NOT MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED IN IRELAND.

G) PUMPS: 8 PERCENT DIFFERENCE IN CUSTOMS TARIFF BETWEEN U. S. AND

EEC PRODUCTS IS A BIGGER BARRIER TO U. S. THAT R/ O, ABOUT
WHICH NOTHING SEEMS TO BE KNOWN.

H) TELECOMMUNICATIONS: MOST OF EQUIPMENT EXPORTED GOES TO
THE UK AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE R/ O BEFORE 1977.
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